

7. General Magruder acknowledged that the organization could not start full grown and that in the beginning many of the functions of the Board would have to be performed within the operating agencies.

8. Admiral Stevens suggested that since the eventual size and duties of the Staff are in dispute we should bypass some of the arguments for the present and try to get a practical paper on what can be done now with the two or three people actually available. He further stated his disagreement with the planning concept in General Magruder's paper. He felt that the functions referred to by General Magruder are already placed squarely on the shoulders of responsible officials. He did not see any need to interpret NSC papers into guidances for the departments. In his conception the PSB could give top direction by setting priorities and needing departments to do what needs to be done. He also looked to the PSB as having decision-making powers, referring matters where necessary to the NSC.

9. It was suggested also that the Board could help get qualified personnel from industry and elsewhere and put them to the best use in psychological operations.

10. It was agreed that the functions of the staff should be those that are not being done elsewhere and cannot be delegated. There was some disagreement as to whether or not the working group should attempt to sketch the organization of the Staff as it might ultimately develop.

11. Mr. Wisner suggested that the working group should shy away from any thought of a "Charter" which would require formal departmental concurrence. Rather they should develop a paper which would be informally accepted by the Board as indicating the general lines which they would probably follow. Mr. Wisner also suggested that the working group discuss the role of a group of senior consultants or deputies to the Board members. The thought also was advanced that the Board should screen public and Congressional inquiries and suggestions and act as a focal point and figurehead for the national psychological effort.

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